

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-258

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the City of Madison, Alabama, recognizes that a shortage of mental health services exists statewide, and it desires to provide additional resources for members of the community who may suffer from or be affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, §§ 22-52-90 and -91 of the Code of Alabama (1975) provide for the appointment of specially trained Community Mental Health Officers who can determine if specialized care, custody, or other services are necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 22-52-90 of the Code of Alabama (1975) a municipality is empowered to designate Community Mental Health Officers to act as liaisons between law enforcement and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Madison, Alabama, desires to vest the appointment power for Community Mental Health Officers in the Chief of Police;

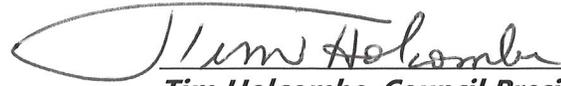
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 26, Article III, Section 26-58(12), of the *Code of Ordinances, City of Madison, Alabama*, is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

"(12) **Appointment of Community Mental Health Officers.** The chief shall have the authority to designate on behalf of the City one (1) or more Community Mental Health Officers to act as liaisons to the general public within the jurisdiction of City of Madison. The chief shall have the authority to appoint employees as Community Mental Health Officers if they possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in social work or a related field, or if they possess an equivalent combination of education and experience according to findings of the judge of probate. In addition, Community Mental Health Officers must possess the following: at least one year of experience in social work; knowledge of the principals, practices, and techniques of social work as they apply to crisis intervention; knowledge of the theory, principles, and practices of psychiatric social work; knowledge of federal, state, and municipal laws regarding the aiding of mental patients; and knowledge of the functions and resources of public and private social agencies in the community."

Section 2. That this Ordinance, after its adoption and proper publication as provided by law, shall be effective as of October 11, 2016.

READ and ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2016.



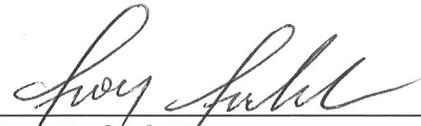
Tim Holcombe, Council President
City of Madison, Alabama

ATTEST:



Melanie A. Williard, City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Madison, Alabama

APPROVED this 12th day of October, 2016.



Troy Trulock, Mayor
City of Madison, Alabama

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- 1. Date Introduced: October 10, 2016
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- 2. Date Approved: October 10, 2016
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Votes of Council

Council Member	Absent	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Holcombe		X		
Smith		X		
Klein		X		
Potter		X		
Overcash		X		
Clark	X			
Ondocsin		X		

- 4. Date signed by President/
Pro Tempore of Council: October 10, 2016

- 5. Date signed by Mayor: October 12, 2016
If vetoed by Mayor, further Council action: n/a

- 6. Publication Date: October 19, 2016
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